



Rear Admiral Brendan C. McPherson **Commander** **U.S. Coast Guard Seventh District**



Rear Admiral McPherson serves as Commander of the Seventh Coast Guard District headquartered in Miami, Florida. As District Commander, he is responsible for all Coast Guard operations in the Southeast United States and the Caribbean Basin, including Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The Seventh District encompasses an area of 1.8 million square miles and shares operational borders with 34 Foreign Nations and Territories.

A native of Bradley Beach, New Jersey, Rear Admiral McPherson graduated with Honors from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1989 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Management. He also earned a Master of Arts degree in Public Relations from the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill School of Journalism and Mass Communication and holds a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island.

Rear Admiral McPherson was promoted to flag rank in 2019. He has more than 30 years of service including nearly 12 years cumulative sea time aboard six cutters, including Commanding Officer of cutters MIDGETT, VIGOROUS and BARANOF. Staff assignments included Military Advisor to the Secretary of Homeland Security in Washington D.C., Chief of Staff of the Coast Guard Thirteenth District in Seattle; Chief of the Response Division and Enforcement Branch of the Coast Guard Seventh District in Miami; Press Assistant to the Commandant of the Coast Guard in Washington, D.C.; Chief of Strategic Communications in the Headquarters Office of Governmental and Public Affairs; Public Affairs Officer for the Atlantic Area/Fifth District in Portsmouth, Virginia; and an assignment to the Seventh District Tactical Law Enforcement Team in Miami. Rear Admiral McPherson started his career as an Ensign aboard cutter DAUNTLESS in Miami Beach in 1989.



In addition to his regular duties, Rear Admiral McPherson was assigned to several joint and interagency unified commands in response to national contingency operations. Following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, he was responsible for leading public affairs efforts for all Coast Guard forces within the Atlantic Area and U.S. Maritime Defense Zone Atlantic. In 2002, Rear Admiral McPherson deployed to Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (JTF GTMO) Joint Information Center in support of Global War on Terror (GWOT) detention operations there. Rear Admiral McPherson also served as Press Secretary to the Principal Federal Official for disaster response and recovery operations in the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina and Rita along the Gulf Coast in 2005.

His personal awards include one Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medal, one Legion of Merit, six Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medals, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, one Navy Commendation Medal, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals, and various service and unit awards. Rear Admiral McPherson is married to Barbara (Aldino) McPherson, a Registered Nurse. They have four children.